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Applicants: Yamaura et al.  
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Title: FUEL CELL AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF  
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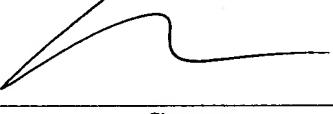
**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s): Yamaura et al. <span style="float: right;">MAY 26 2005</span>					Docket No. <b>112857-301</b>
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<b>Invention: FUEL CELL AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF</b>					
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